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LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to provide you with the following information:

1. American air activity on 8/9 April amounted to 98 sorties flown by 49 formations.

2. The aircraft, which were identified as F-16s, F-15s and F-14s, flew at altitudes ranging from 1 to 9 kilometres, at speeds ranging from 600 to 1,200 kilometres per hour.

3. The flights took place chiefly, with regard to 15 formations, over Baghdad, and, with regard to 34 formations, over Kut, Aziziyah, eastern Baghdad, Habbaniyah, Ramadi and Hashimiyah.

4. The flights were carried out for the purposes of observation and reconnaissance operations, provocation and the creation of a disturbance, which they achieved by passing over the capital, Baghdad, breaking the sound barrier at 0040 hours on 9 April 1991.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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